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PATENT APPLICATION OF)
Xiaokai Niu et al.)
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SERIAL NO.: 10/604,729) Group Art Unit:
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FILED: August 13, 2003) Examiner:
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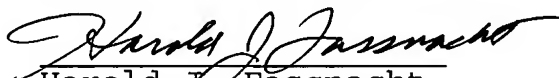
This amendment and accompanying request to correct inventorship are being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.48(a) to add the name of the following person as a joint inventor in the above-identified invention:

YANPING QIU

Ms. Qiu was not named in the original application through error and without any deceptive intent on the part of the actual inventors.

This amendment and petition are being diligently filed upon discovery of the error. The fee required by 37 CFR §1.17(i) is paid by the enclosed credit card authorization form. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee associated with the communication or credit any underpayment to Deposit No. 50-0358.

Respectfully submitted,


Harold J. Fassnacht
Reg. No. 35,507
Attorney for Applicants

BULLWINKEL PARTNERS, LTD.
19 S. LaSalle Street - Suite 1300
Chicago, Illinois 60603-1493
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Dated: *Nov. 3, 2003*



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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a) REGARDING
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

Applicants respectfully request that the inventorship of the above-named application be corrected to include the name of Yanping Qiu as joint inventor of the claimed invention and therefore accurately reflect inventorship. Ms. Qiu was inadvertently omitted from the originally filed application through error that occurred without deceptive intent on the part of the applicants and/or their attorneys.

Accordingly, we hereby request that Yanping Qiu be added and named as a joint inventor of the above-identified patent application, in order that the application correctly name Xiaokai Niu, Michael D. Zold, Johannes Wilhelmus van de camp and Yanping Qiu as joint or co-inventors.

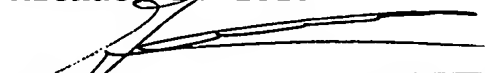
We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Xiaokai Niu

10/23/03
Date


Michael D. Zold

10/24/03
Date


Johannes Wilhelmus van de camp

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Yanping Qiu

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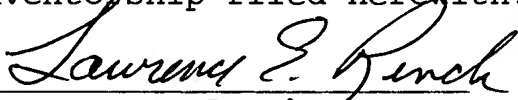
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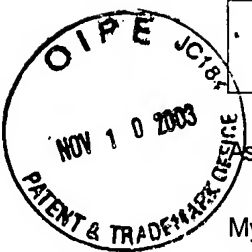
ASSENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)(5) REGARDING
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

Sonoco Development, Inc. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified patent application by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s). A copy of the assignment(s) is/are attached hereto.

Sonoco Development, Inc. hereby assents to the correction of inventorship filed herewith.


Lawrence E. Renck
President
Sonoco Development, Inc.

10-30-2003
Date

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**Attorney Docket No.
4025

I, a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **TITLE, (Docket No. 4025)**, the specification of which:

(check one) ☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on August 13, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/604,729,

and was amended on _____, if applicable.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Certified Copy Attached?

Prior Foreign Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Not Claimed	Yes	No
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.
_____	_____	_____
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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY	Attorney Docket N . 4025
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. *(list name and registration number)*

Harold J. Fassnacht (Reg. No. 35,507) and George E. Bullwinkel (Reg. No. 24,585) of Bullwinkel Partners, Ltd., 19 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois 60603-1493.

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SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:

Full Name: Xiaokai Niu

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: 408 Mourning Dove Lane, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550

Citizenship: P.R. China

Post Office Address: Same as above

SECOND JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY:

Full Name: Michael D. Zold

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Residence: 1006 Miller Terrace, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550

Citizenship: Canada

Post Office Address: same as above

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

**Attorney Docket No.
4025**

THIRD JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY:

Full Name: Johannes Wilhelmus van de Camp

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Residence: 919 Red Maple Court, Hartsville, South Carolina 29550

Citizenship: Netherlands

Post Office Address: same as above

FOURTH JOINT INVENTOR, IF ANY:

Full Name: Yanping Qiu

Signature: 

Date: 10/17/2003

Residence: 6627 Clovernok Road, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

Citizenship: U.S.A.

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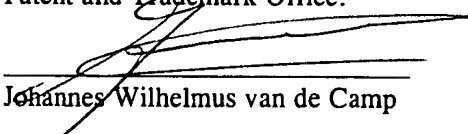
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for which an application for a United States patent was executed by me on July 25, 2003 (Docket No. 4025); and

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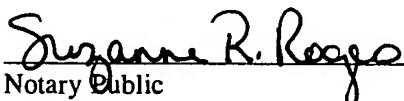
Now, therefore, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, and in recognition of my pre-existing obligation of assignment, I, the APPLICANT, do hereby sell, assign, transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the aforesaid application, and any Patent which may be granted therefore or thereupon, together with any and all divisions, reissues and extensions thereof, all my foreign rights to said invention, and all my rights under the International Convention with respect to said invention and application, and authorize the ASSIGNEE to apply for patents in foreign countries, claiming the filing date of the U.S. application under the provisions of the International Convention. And I hereby agree to communicate to the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, to testify at any legal proceedings relating thereto, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and, in addition, to execute any and all documents that may be required in order that the ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns may make application for Patent on said invention in foreign countries in its own name. And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention or application unto ASSIGNEE, in accordance with this assignment. I further authorize Harold J. Fassnacht, my attorney, to insert herein* the serial number and filing date of the aforementioned United States patent application identified as Docket No. 4025 after this information is made known to him by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.


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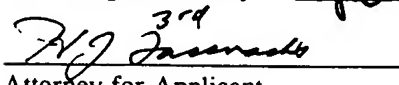
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I hereby certify that before me personally appeared JOHANNES WILHELMUS VAN DE CAMP to me known and known to me to be the individual described in the foregoing instrument, and that in my presence executed this instrument and who by me was sworn and did acknowledge that he executed this instrument as his free act and deed on the day and year aforesaid.

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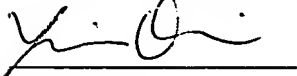
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Now, therefore, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, and in recognition of my pre-existing obligation of assignment, I, the APPLICANT, do hereby sell, assign, transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the aforesaid application, and any Patent which may be granted therefore or thereupon, together with any and all divisions, reissues and extensions thereof, all my foreign rights to said invention, and all my rights under the International Convention with respect to said invention and application, and authorize the ASSIGNEE to apply for patents in foreign countries, claiming the filing date of the U.S. application under the provisions of the International Convention. And I hereby agree to communicate to the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, to testify at any legal proceedings relating thereto, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and, in addition, to execute any and all documents that may be required in order that the ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns may make application for Patent on said invention in foreign countries in its own name. And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention or application unto ASSIGNEE, in accordance with this assignment. I further authorize Harold J. Fassnacht, my attorney, to insert herein* the serial number and filing date of the aforementioned United States patent application identified as Docket No. 4025 after this information is made known to him by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Date

I hereby certify that before me personally appeared XIAOKAI NIU to me known and known to me to be the individual described in the foregoing instrument, and that in my presence executed this instrument and who by me was sworn and did acknowledge that he executed this instrument as his free act and deed on the day and year aforesaid.

(SEAL)

Suzanne Rogers
Notary Public

* The application referred to above as Docket No. 4025 was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 25, 2003 ^{8/13/03} and was given Serial No. 10/604727. This insertion was made by me this 25th day of July, 2003.

Harold J. Fassnacht
Attorney for Applicant



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Sety Sadri, a non-attorney, hereby certify that an Amendment, a Statement Under 37 CFR 1.48 (a) Regarding Correction of Inventorship, a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, an Assent Under 37 CFR 1.48 (a) (5) Regarding Correction of Inventorship, four fully executed Assignment cover sheets and Assignments, a USPTO Credit Card Payment Form, along with a stamped self-addressed USPTO postcard, for the invention of I-Beam Wall Corner Post with the Serial No. 10/604,729, is being deposited as First Class U.S. Mail on November 5, 2003, at the U.S. Post office box located at 19 South LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois before 5:00 p.m., in an envelope bearing sufficient postage and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

By: Sety Sadri
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Date: November 5, 2003